

Eternal Life

Bible Story • Achan's Sin • Joshua 6:18-19; 7

Teacher & Parent Connection

The words, "That's not fair!" burst from a child whose sense of justice has been outraged. This response seems right to the child—and to many adults, for adults often call for fairness and justice. But what really happens when true justice reigns?

In Joshua's day, the perfect justice of God, expressed in the Law of Moses, reigned in Israel. God gave clear rules and just punishments. But in the midst of the glorious victory over Jericho, won by God alone, Achan decided that God's rules didn't matter. His desire for a few choice items turned victory into agony. The heartbreak and destruction caused by sin are graphically portrayed by deaths of men needlessly slain during the Israelites' defeat at Ai. It was a hard lesson, but fair; everyone knew the penalties from the beginning. And under this perfect justice, Israel became aware again of God's holiness.

Though we all cry for fairness and justice, true and perfect justice provides only one fair solution to our lawbreaking ways: death! Kids need to know that sin has dire consequences and that innocent people are almost always hurt when one chooses to sin. But kids also need to know that for even the most horrible sin, there is forgiveness available. Jesus, the ultimate innocent One, chose to take the punishment for our sin. As you teach this lesson, ask God to make you aware of your own need of God's forgiveness and enable you to lead those in your class to His great gift of salvation.



God's Word

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23

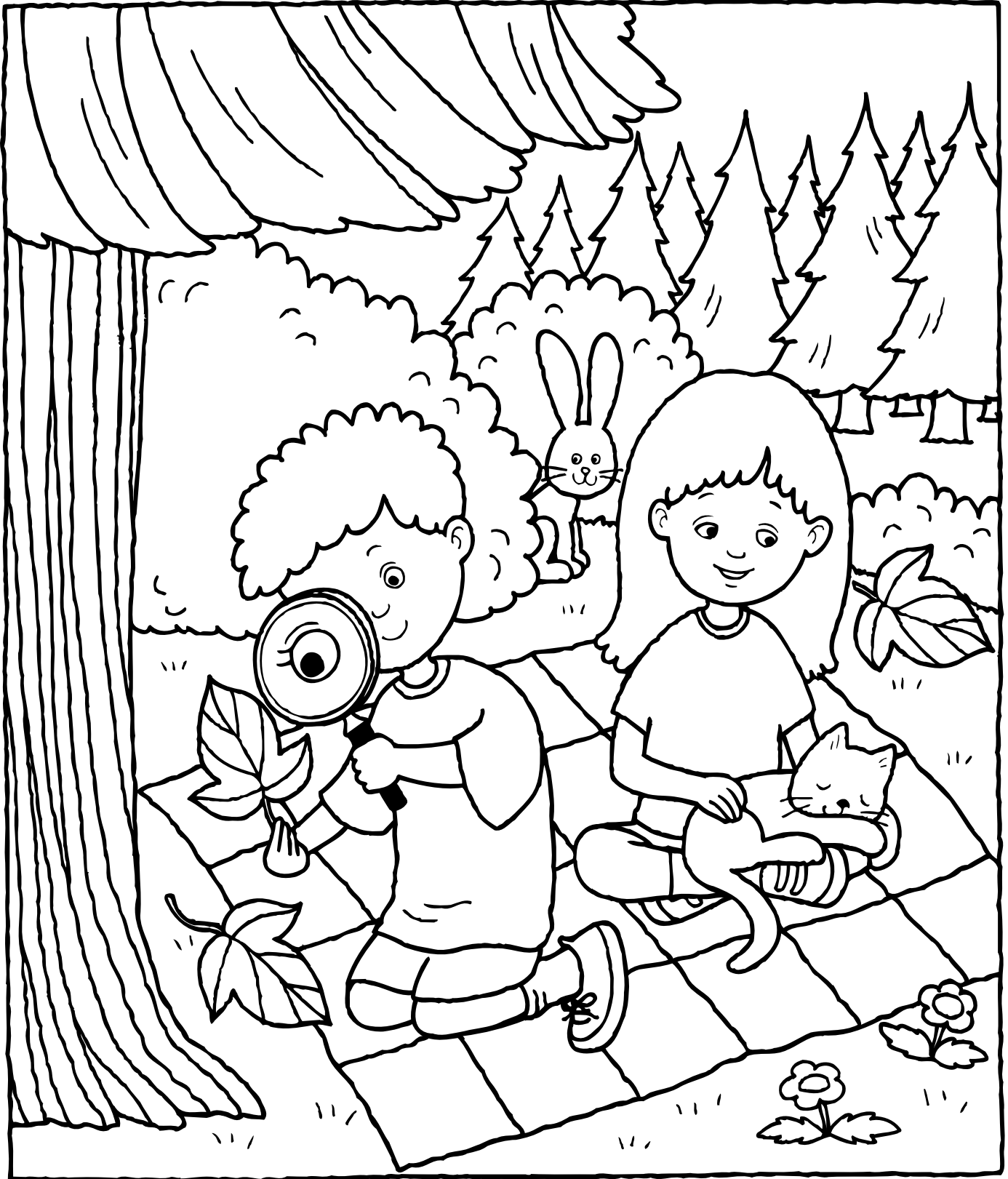
For Younger Children:

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God's Promise for Me

God promised to provide a way for us to be forgiven for our sins and to live with Him forever.

What are wrong things kids do?
When they are sorry, God forgives them!

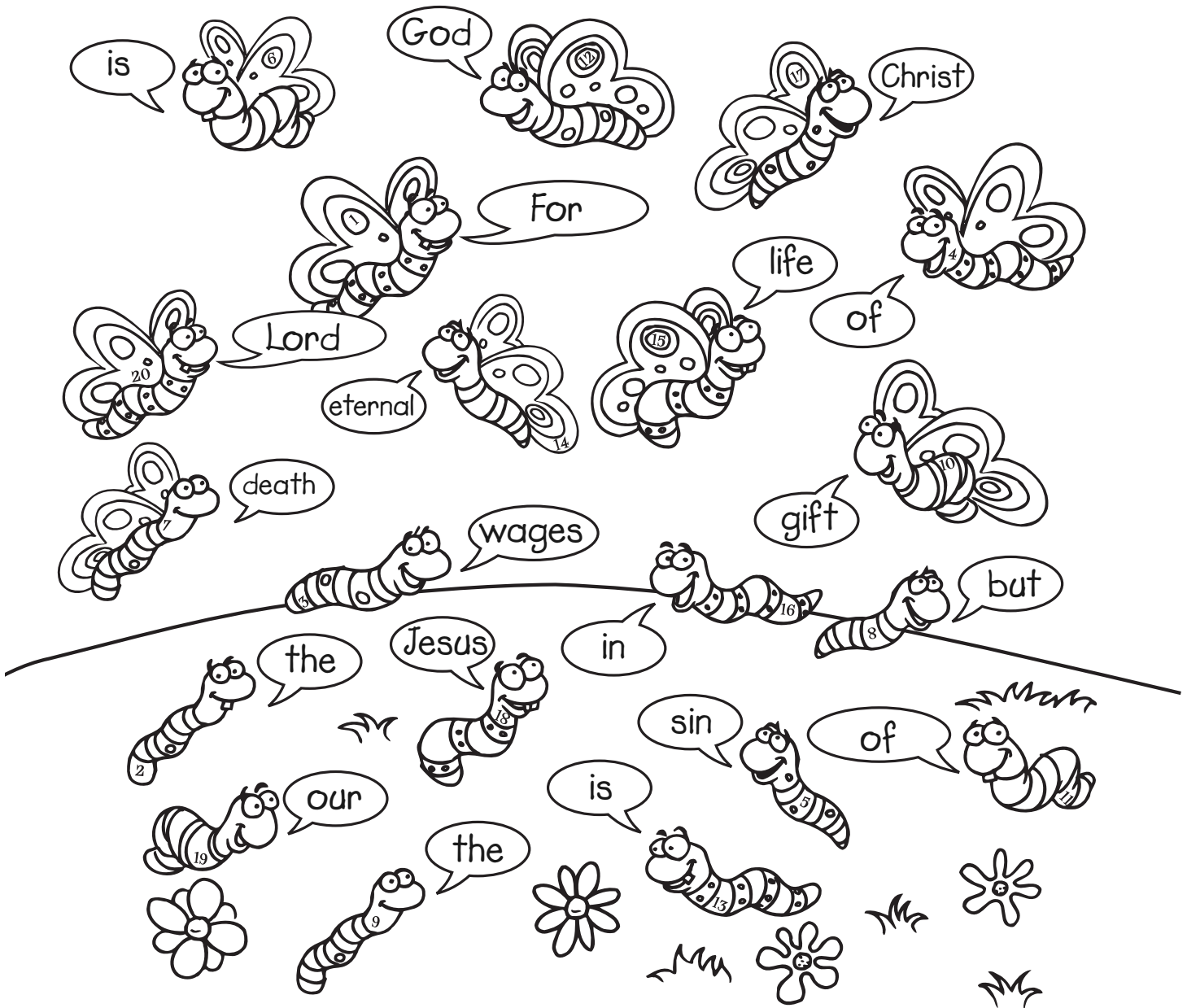


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Butterfly Fun Romans 6:23

Find the hidden number on each butterfly and caterpillar and then write the words of the verse in order. Just for fun, circle the one caterpillar who hasn't changed into a matching butterfly!

When you have sinned, what do you need to remember about God?



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1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	”
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